

NM EQIP FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands TAOS - F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
 Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - 60 Potential Points (25% of Total) Grazing operation will promote agricultural production and optimize environmental benefits toward an upward trend toward improving the natural resource concerns:

_____ No (application will not be considered for funding)

_____ Yes (application will be considered for funding)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet		% Area in Contract Before Treatment		% Area in Contract After Treatment.		Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Deferment Period:	> 90% of Growing Season					20		
	51-90% of Growing Season					10		
	26-50% of Growing Season					5		
	0-25% of Growing Season					0		
Grazing Plan Stocking	Intensive Rotation					20		
	Seasonal Use					10		
	Continuous Use					0		
Rate: Based on Loamy HIV-1 SI 26-50	> 11 Acres/ 1 AUM					20		
	9-11 Acres/ 1 AUM					10		
	6.5-8.9 Acres/ 1 AUM					5		
	<5 Acres/ 1 AUM					0		
(Irr. Lands) Stocking Rate: Based on Soils Data	< ____ AUM / Acres					20		
	____ AUM/ Acre (overstocked < 2 AUM)					10		
	____ AUM/ Acre (Overstocked 2.1-4.0 AUMS)					5		
	> ____ AUM / Acres (Overstocked > 4.1 AUMS)					0		
1. Plants						Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 160 Potential Points (65.0% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.	Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion (Erosion and Deposition)	20		
Critical Area Planting (343)	5		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	5		
Streambank Protection (580)	5		
Forest Stand Improvement (666)	5		
Water Quantity	45		
Spring Development (547)	5		
Pond (378) / Pond Sealing (521)	5		
Well (642) w/ L/S pipeline and Storage/Trough(516&614)	20		
Well (642)	5		
Livestock Pipeline (516)	5		
Trough or Tank (614)	5		
Water Quality (Surface Water Contaminants)	30		
Diversions (362)	10		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)	20		
Air (Dust)	5		
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)	5		
Plants (Suitability, Condition and Management)	50		
Range Planting (550)	10		
Fencing (382)	20		
Brush Management (314)	20		

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2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - Continued

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Animals (Habitat and Management)	10		
Stream Habitat Improvement (395)	5		
Wildlife Watering Facility (648)	5		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

3. Other Considerations -25 Potential Points (10.0% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them as item(s) E and F.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	5	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5	0	
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5	0	
E. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and / or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	5	0	
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

"A minimum of 80 points of the total available points must be earned to be considered for funding"

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____

Designated Conservationist

Date